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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize those who contributed
3 to the betterment of the State of Illinois through public
4 service; and

5 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
6 Assembly pays honor and respect to individuals who gave their
7 lives in the service of the State; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
9 learn of the death of Christopher "Chris" R. Brown of Hudson,
10 who passed away on March 5, 2013; and

11 WHEREAS, Christopher Brown was born on November 9, 1973 in
12 Hershey, Pennsylvania to Michael R. and Pamela S. Walters
13 Brown; he graduated from Charleston High School in 1992 and
14 married Amie Melton on June 7, 1997 in Peoria; and

15 WHEREAS, Christopher Brown was a 12-year member of the
16 Bloomington Fire Department; he was also a 3-year member of the
17 Hudson Community Fire Department and a 2-year member of the
18 Peoria Heights Fire Department and the Morton Fire Department;
19 he was a member of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois
20 Honor Guard; and

1 WHEREAS, Christopher Brown enjoyed spending time with his
2 family, fishing, camping, playing hockey, and watching the
3 Chicago Blackhawks; and

4 WHEREAS, Christopher Brown was preceded in death by his
5 maternal grandfather, Willis W. Walters; his paternal
6 grandfather, Jack Brown; and his paternal uncle, Dana A. Clark;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Christopher Brown is survived by his wife, Amie;
9 his sons, Max and Mason; his parents; his brother, Anthony M.
10 (Kimberly) Brown; his sister, Jennifer Renee (Frank) Radek; his
11 maternal grandmother, Beverly J. Behnke; his paternal
12 grandmother, Barbara L. Kline; his in-laws, Robert and Joan
13 Melton; and his many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and

14 WHEREAS, Christopher Brown was killed in the line of duty
15 while responding to a traffic accident on Interstate 39; and

16 WHEREAS, On March 8, 2013 Governor Quinn ordered flags
17 flown at half-staff to honor firefighter Christopher Brown from
18 March 9, 2013 through sunset on March 11, 2013; therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE

1 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of
2 Interstate 39 between Exit 8 and Exit 5 the Firefighter
3 Christopher R. Brown Memorial Highway; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
5 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
6 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
7 giving notice of the name; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Christopher R. Brown, the
10 Bloomington Fire Department, the Hudson Community Fire
11 Department, the Peoria Heights Fire Department, the Morton Fire
12 Department, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
13 Transportation.